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The following information has been prepared pursuant to your request. This information may be released with the F.B.I. laboratory report:

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The Attorney General's Office today received a Federal Bureau of Investigation, Technical Services Division review of the acoustics research performed for the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations. The Department of Justice performed the review in accordance with a recommendation of the Select Committee, which recommendation was included in the Committee's final report.

The National Academy of Sciences is currently conducting a study, financed by the Department of Justice and administered by the National Science Foundation, of acoustical evidence related to the John F. Kennedy assassination.

The House Select Committee on Assassinations concluded in 1979 that "[s]cientific acoustical evidence establishes a high probability that two gunmen fired at President John F. Kennedy" and that "[o]ther scientific evidence does not preclude the possibility of two gunmen firing at the President."

The F.B.I. report released today concludes:

"The analyses of acoustical evidence by Bolt Beranek and Newman, Inc., Mark R. Weiss, and Ernest Aschkenasy did not scientifically prove that a gunshot was fired by a second gunman from the grassy knoll area of Dealey Plaza during the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963. Therefore, the House Select Committee on Assassinations finding that 'scientific acoustical evidence establishes a high probability that two gunmen fired at President John F. Kennedy' is invalid."

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